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STATE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (VEST),
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ARRANGEMENTS

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1. FURTHER TO REFTTEL, WE HAVE HEARD INFORMALLY THAT THE
US MAY BREAK THE SILENCE PROCEDURE ON PO/77/113 IN FAVOR
OF WAITING UNTIL THE BUDGET COMMITTEES HAVE REVIEWED THE
REQUEST FOR ADVANCES, TO BE FINANCED OUT OF NATO TREASURY
FROM PRESENTLY APPROVED FUNDS. WE NOTE FROM PARAGRAPH
6 OF THE PO THAT PERMREPS ARE ONLY BEING ASKED TO TAKE
ACTION PENDING THE MEETINGS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEES,
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SCHEDULED FOR 24 AUGUST (MBC) AND 12 SEPTEMBER (CBC),
BECAUSE THE SECRETARY GENERAL BELIEVES THAT THE URGENCY
OF THE NATO INITIATIVES DEMANDS THAT WORK (IN PARTICULAR,
RECRUITMENT OF NATO CONSULTANTS) NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL
THE BUDGET COMMITTEES CAN ACT. THE SYG'S SENSE OF URGENCY
STRIKES US AS BEING EXACTLY WHAT IS CALLED FOR AND TOTALLY
IN LINE WITH THE VIEW THAT THE US HAS EXPRESSED ON THE

NEED FOR WORK ON THE INITIATIVES TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY. INDEED, IT WAS THE US THAT INSISTED THAT TASK FORCE TORS BE APPROVED BY MID-JULY SO THAT TASK FORCES WOULD HAVE DIRECTION AND BE ABLE TO WORK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. WE AGREE WITH THE PO THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ALTERNATIVE TO A PROCEDURE OF EXTRAORDINARY BUDGETARY URGENCY.

2. WE NOTE, FURTHER, THAT PERMREPS ARE NOT BEING ASKED, AT THIS STAGE, TO AUTHORIZE INCREASES TO CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGETS, BUT ONLY TO MODIFIED USE OF APPROVED 1977 FUNDS. PRESUMABLY SUCH A REQUEST WOULD COME AT A LATER STAGE AND WOULD CONFORM TO REGULAR PROCEDURES.

3. THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN LONDON. TASK FORCE DIRECTORS NOW HAVE FEWER THAN THIRTY WEEKS TO PREPARE THEIR DRAFT PROGRAMS, WHICH THE EWG, DPC AND DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL THEN ACT ON TO PUT IN FINAL FORM FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT NEXT MAY. ALL DIRECTORS NEED EVERY BIT OF AVAILABLE TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. IN THE CASE OF TF-8 (RATIONALIZATION) AND TF-9 (CONSUMER LOGISTICS), DIRECTORS ARE CRITICALLY DEPENDENT UPON NATO CONSULTANTS, WHO MUST COME ABOARD WITHOUT DELAY, CERTAINLY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CBC.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED IN PO/77/
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113 IS NOT THE WAY THE US WOULD ORDINARILY PREFER TO GO, BUT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CLEARLY NOT ORDINARY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE US NOT BE THE NATION TO BREAK THE SILENCE PROCEDURE IF ACCEPTANCE IS AT ALL POSSIBLE. THE ALTERNATIVE OF DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF THE PO AND SCHEDULING AN EXTRAORDINARY NAC MEETING HAS THE DISADVANTAGE OF OPENING UP DISCUSSION OF FRENCH AND GREEK PARTICIPATION, AS WELL AS INJECTING MORE DELAY. GLITMAN

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